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TOPIC Soviet Motor Vehicles in the Stendal Area

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 9 to 16 April 1952, a large number of motor vehicles was seen moving from the direction of Stendal (M 53/Y 85) toward Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 52). the individual columns returned regularly to Stendal between 8 and 10 p.m. There were many trucks in the columns. No trucks with billeting equipment were seen. Columns identified included:

On 9 April. Fourteen trucks with personnel

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On 10 April. Fourteen trucks with personnel  
2 caterpillar tractors,  
each towing a 122-mm field gun; and 3 trucks,  
towing a 122-mm field gun.

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On 12 April. Ten trucks with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from the direction of Stendal  
3 trucks with soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying light assault equipment; 5 trucks with personnel trucks, each towing a 160-mm mortar and carrying personnel; 18 trucks, carrying personnel, towing 6 x 160-mm mortars and 5 x 57-mm AT guns

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and 9 trucks  
with personnel.

On 14 April. Four trucks with personnel

On 15 April. Ninety soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying assault equipment and either rifles or submachine guns marched westward from the direction of Stendal. A short time later, they were followed by 5 trucks about 30 minutes later, a column of 60 to 80 trucks carrying personnel with assault equipment. Each fifth truck mounted a light machine gun for air defense.

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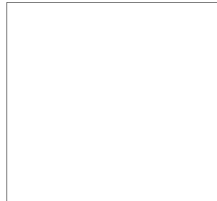
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On 16 April. Three large amphibious cars [redacted] \*

2. A tent camp of about 20 tents was seen in a small woods northwest of Dahlen and southwest of Stendal. [redacted] there was about the same number of tents farther in the woods. \*\*
3. A train carrying about 30 trucks loaded to capacity with billeting equipment passed westward through the Stendal railroad station on 16 April 1952. \*\*\*

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\* [redacted] Comment. The traffic of motor vehicle columns which was mostly by units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and, in part, by corps troops of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps corresponds with observations made in 1951. At that time, units from Stendal also went to Letzling Heath for daily practice.

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. The tent camp about 5 km southwest of Stendal possibly was occupied by a unit from Stendal.

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\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The train presumably went to the Letzling Heath troop training grounds.

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